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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

As a subscriber to a competitive telephone/internet service, I am concerned by US Telecom's petition to eliminate my provider's access to the last-mile copper cabling that connects to my home. In the past, when my landline and DSL service came from AT&T, DSL connectivity was appallingly slow and expensive, telephone charges were excessive, and customer service was negligible to nonexistent. The switch to Sonic (my current provider) increased my DSL speed by roughly a factor of 6 and gave me access to telephone service with free and virtually unlimited long-distance and international calling, all at roughly half the price that I'd been paying AT&T. On those few occasions when I've needed technical assistance, Sonic customer service has been available, responsive, and knowledgeable, a refreshing change from my experience with my previous provider. In all respects, I've been as happy with my current, competitive provider as I was unhappy with AT&T.

Please don't grant a petition that would force my provider and others like it out of business and bring back the bad old days of ISP duopolies.

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